[Translation]

Use of Light House for Advertisements

2488. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain leading industrial houses of the country are using light houses as a means for the advertisements of their products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's policy in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the above, does not arise.

(c) A view in the matter will be taken (after the Department of Lighthouses & Lightships is approached by the industrial houses for advertisement of their products) based on the merits of the proposals.

[English]

Expansion of Southern Air Command

2489. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for expansion of Southern Air Command in Trivandrum, Kerala;

(b) if so, whether that Air Command is functioning satisfactorily;

(c) if so, the achievement made by that Air Command;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has provided maximum land for use by the Southern Air Command, Trivandrum; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The existing Southern Air Command in Trivandrum is functioning satisfactorily. They have been conducting a number of inter-Service exercises in the region besides managing the administration of the A & N Islands.

(d) and (e). The Government of Kerala had agreed to allot 53 acres of land. However, a part of land earmarked could not be acquired. The Kerala Government is yet to locate an alternate site.

[Translation]

Family Planning Programmes by NGOs

2490. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of funds allocated to various non-government organisations during the last three years for family planning programme alongwith the results thereof organisation-wise;

(b) whether the allocated funds were properly utilised; and

(c) if so, the details of organ isations the working of which were physically verified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Financial assistance is given by the Central Government to Voluntary Organisations for implementing opproved schemes for promotion of Family Welfare Programme. The details of the funds allocated and assistance released to the Non-Govt. Organisations under different schemes during the last three years are given below :

Funds Allocated/Released

(Rupees in Crores)

Scheme	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Alloc.	Rel.	Alloc	Rel.	Alloc.	Rel.
Involvement of Vol. Orgns.	5.00	4.62	7.50	7.60	9.49	9.49
USAID assisted PVOH-II	2.70	2.70	2.50	3.60	8.55	8.43
UNFPA assisted	1.18	1.08	1.18	1.28	1.18	1.17

The names of the organisations which received grant more than Rs. one lakh is published in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(b) and (c). There is an inbuilt mechanism for concurrent monitoring of the progress before releasing second instalment and for accepting utilisation certificate by the District/State authorities. In addition, evaluation of NGO projects is also got done through independent agencies/institutions. Physical verification through Regional Director or Central Team is undertaken in case of complaint against a particular NGO.